

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2025, 9:00 A.M. ARCADIA, LA.

The Bienville Parish Police Jury met in regular session on the above date with the following members present: Bill Sims, Darryl Ryder, Jerry Bates, Vic Fowler, Michael Nelson and Keith Duck. Absent was Jerry Roberson.

The invocation was given by Mr. Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Duck.

Mr. Bates made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck made the motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 9, 2025, and to approve the same as published in the official journal and mailed to the members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

President Ryder called on Mr. Hays for the report of the Public Works Committee. Mr. Hays stated that the Public Works Committee approved his recommendation as follows:

1. Approve the payment to the surface treatment contractor for the 10% retainage.
2. Approve the request from the School Board to extend the school bus turnaround on Joyner Road.
3. Approve the request from the Village of Bienville to repair streets as presented.
4. Approve the request from the Village of Lucky to install a driveway culvert on Brooks Loop.
5. Approve allowing new employees to receive CDL training through the Votech school in Minden. The new employees will be required to sign an agreement that requires three years of employment with the Police Jury in order for jury to pay for the training.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to approve the remaining recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bates made the motion to place no thru trucks signs on Vander Waites and C.C. Roads. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims submitted the following proclamation:

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has received notification that District 2 Police Juror, Mr. Jerry Roberson passed away on August 4, 2025.

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberson's passing has created a vacancy in the District 2 Police Juror position, and the unexpired term of office in which the said vacancy exists will end on January 9, 2028 and exceeds 18 months.

NOW THEREFORE the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby issue this Proclamation

pursuant to LA R.S. 18:402(E) and LA R.S. 18:602 ordering a special election to fill the said vacancy in the Bienville Parish Police Jury District 2 position for the remainder of the unexpired term as follows:

- (1) The Special Primary Election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026; and
- (2) The Special General Election shall be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026.

The dates for qualifying for the candidates in the Special Election shall be July 29, 30, and 31, 2026.

This Proclamation shall be published in the official journal of Bienville Parish and a copy thereof shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the Clerk of the Second Judicial District Court of Bienville Parish, Louisiana and to the Louisiana Secretary of State as required by law.

The proclamation was seconded by Mr. Fowler and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

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ABSENT: Roberson.

ABSTAINING: None.

Mr. Sims made the motion to appoint Ms. Jerrica Roberson to fill the unexpired term of Jerry Roberson as Police Juror, District 2 until the election in November 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

/s/ Rodney L. Warren

Secretary

/s/ Darryl Ryder

President

Mr. Fowler made the motion to appoint Ms. Kenya Iverson to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Mrs. Catherine Perritt, Assessor, asking the jury to set the dates of the Board of Review from September 2, 2025 through September 16, 2025 and a hearing date of September 10, 2025. Mr. Duck made the motion to set the dates of the Board of Review as requested by the Assessor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sims made the motion to approve the purchase of new voting software for the Police Jury meeting room as presented by the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson submitted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BIENVILLE PARISH POLICE JURY TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY/TREASURER AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE BIENVILLE PARISH POLICE JURY TO SIGN, ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, REQUESTS FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR ALL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: The Secretary/Treasurer for the Police Jury of Bienville Parish is hereby appointed as the authorized agent of the Police Jury of Bienville Parish to sign, on behalf of the Parish President, requests for disbursements from the State of Louisiana for all capital outlay projects.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Duck and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

After a brief discussion regarding the recent passing of Mr. Jerry Roberson, Ms. Jerrica Roberson submitted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Roberson served the people of Bienville Parish faithfully and diligently as the District 2 Police Juror for the Bienville Parish Police Jury for over 13 years, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberson passed away on August 4, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Bienville, State of Louisiana, that it does hereby adopt this resolution in appreciation and admiration for the years of service Mr. Jerry Roberson gave the citizens of Bienville Parish.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Sims and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

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NAYS:           None.

ABSENT:       None.

Mr. Duck made the motion to approve all General Fund and Solid Waste Fund bills submitted by the Treasurer and examined by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve all Road Fund bills submitted by the Treasurer and examined by the Road Superintendent and the Public Works Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck made the motion to reconvene the regular session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously approved.

Mr. Duck made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and terminate Mrs. Michelle Roberson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bates and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fowler submitted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Bienville Parish Police Jury has been made aware of the opposition from local citizens to Brickyard Trucking LLC’s proposal to construct a saltwater injection well located on Hwy 792 just north of Jamestown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED that the Bienville Parish Police Jury does hereby oppose the construction of Brickyard Trucking LLC’s saltwater injection well.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Bates and a roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS:           Sims, Roberson, Ryder, Bates, Fowler, Nelson and Duck.

NAYS:           None.

ABESNT:       None.

There being no further business to come before the jury, and on motion to adjourn by Mr. Fowler, seconded by Mr. Duck and unanimously approved, President Ryder declared the meeting adjourned, subject to call, until the regular meeting date, September 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

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Rodney L. Warren  
Secretary

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Darryl Ryder  
President